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SUBJ: ENERGY: IRISH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ENERGY CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: GOI INDICATES INTENTION TO ATTEND WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
AND REQUESTS INFORMATION ON AGENDA IN ORDER TO COMPOSE THEIR
DELEGATION.

2. FONOFF PERMSEC HUGH MCCANN TOLD DCM YESTERDAY THAT IRELAND
LOOKS FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING CONSTRUCTIVELY IN WASHINGTON
ENERGY MEETING, FEB 11 AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT IRISH EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON IS RELAYING FORMAL ACCEPTANCE. MCCANN SAID IRELAND
WAS UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE ROLE IT COULD PLAY, WHICH,
BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE, WOULD BE NECESSARILY LIMITED.

2. TURNING TO THE AGENDA MCCANN SAID IT WOULD BE EPSECIALLY
USEFUL TO RECEIVE ASAP INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS
TO BE DISCUSSED. WE REPLIED THAT EMBASSY AS YET HAS NOT
RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON. COMPOSITION OF U.S. TEAM
HOWEVER SUGGESTED EMPHASIS ON THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO COPE WITH
THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF RECENT PRICE
INCREASES WHICH WILL SHORTLY BEGIN TO MAKE THEIR

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EFFECTS FELT. WE SPECULATED THAT MEETING WOULD ALSO COVER

QUESTIONS RELATING TO LONGER TERM MATTERS SUCH AS
ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLY, CONSERVATION, RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT.

3. COMMENT: IRISH QUESTION ON THE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED
DURING CONFERENCE IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THEM BECAUSE IT
WILL DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATION. WITH A SMALL
BUREAUCRACY THEIR EXPERTISE MUST INVARIABLY BE SPREAD THIN, AND
IS FREQUENTLY UNEVEN. THEY WANT TO DO JUSTICE TO THE CONFERENCE,
AND TO DO THIS THEY WANT TO HAVE THE RIGHT MEN THERE. EVSASY
THEREFORE REQUESTS AS MUCH GUIDANCE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ASSURE
MAXIMUM IRISH PARTICIPATION. MOORE

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